National Crime Records Bureau, the incidence of crimes committed against the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during the last 5 years was as under:—

Year	Incidents of atrocities against Scheduled Castes/Schedule Tribes	
1995	32996	5498
1996	31440	4973
1997	27944	4644
1998	25638	4276
1999	25089	4454

State-wise details in this regard are given in the Annexure.[*See* Appendix 190, Annexure No. 17] It will be seen that there has been an overall decline in the number of incidents.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and, as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Howerver, the Government of India has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crimes against the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other vulnerable sections of the society.

Enquiry into the death of two Major Generals

*153. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Major Generals succumbed to death at Army Research and Referral Hospital in Delhi due to wrong line of treatment administered on them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have instituted a court of enquiry; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Two Major Generals *viz.* G.K. Verma (IC-21570) and C. Narayan (IC-13521) died in the Army Hospital (R&R), New Delhi, while undergoing treatment. Major General G.K. Verma was suffering from advanced stage of Interstitial Lung Disease and Major General C. Narayan had an acute Haemorrhagic Pancreatitis. Both the General Officers were correctly diagnosed, thoroughly investigated and provided the best available treatment. However, they could not be saved due to nature of their illness, where mortality is very high.

There has been no negligence in their treatment at any stage, and as such, no Court of Inquiry was instituted to investigate the matter.

Fast Track Power Projects

*154. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the seven Fast Track Power Projects have started generating power in the country;

(b) if so, the name of the power project and multinational company it belongs to;

(c) what is the quantity and the tariffs of the power generated;

(d) whether the concerned State Governments have started purchasing power from the above said company or because of the default in the power purchase agreement the same is paying penalty to the power company; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) Of the eight private power generation projects involving foreign direct investment which were chosen for extension of counter guarantee of Government of India in 1994, three projects have started generating power. The rates of tariff for the power generated in the case of these projects is determined on the